

Research and Teaching Assistant / Ph.D. Candidate (f/m/d) in Business Analytics and Operations Research

The [Chair of Production Management](#) in the Area Operations at the Business School of the University of Mannheim (Prof. Raik Stolletz) invites applications for a **Ph.D. position**. The starting date is flexible in **2026**. Our research focuses on the development of methods in Business Analytics and Operations Research with projects in the analysis and optimization of manufacturing and service operations. We are looking for Ph.D. students who are interested in one of the following research projects:

- Capacity optimization under volatile demand in distribution centers;
- Managing closed-loop manufacturing networks & service systems;
- Optimization of resiliency in production networks.

Some projects are funded by industry partners or the German Science Foundation (DFG) with national and international collaborations. The ideal candidate has completed or is close to completion of their Master's studies in Business Analytics, Operations Management, Operations Research, Management Science, Computer Science, Industrial Engineering, Mathematics, or other related fields, with a strong academic record. Candidates with advanced skills in business analytics, particularly in performance analysis and optimization of stochastic systems or optimization algorithms and heuristics, are highly encouraged to apply. Proficiency in English is essential, while knowledge of German is not required. In addition to working on the research project, the Ph.D. candidate will provide support to the team in teaching and administrative tasks, contributing to a collaborative and interdisciplinary work environment.

There is the possibility to start directly with a funded project in our [research group](#) or/and with a fully funded scholarship within our structured Ph.D. program in Operations Management with a focus on prescriptive and predictive analytics at the **Center for Doctoral Studies in Business (CDSB)**. Our program trains outstanding talents to apply analytical, data-driven, or empirical analysis to advance knowledge in predictive and prescriptive business analytics, with a high flexibility in thesis-oriented courses, see [this flyer](#). The deadline for the applications is January 15th or March 31st, 2026. More information on the application procedure can be found [here](#).

The University of Mannheim Business School is one of Germany's premier business schools, providing an outstanding international research environment. The chair actively supports collaborations within the international research community. The University of Mannheim is an equal opportunity employer. Qualified women are therefore particularly encouraged to apply. Applicants with disabilities are treated with preference given comparable qualifications.

For a direct start in the research group, please send your application with the usual documents (letter of motivation, CV, transcript of records, etc.) in written form or by e-mail until **January 15th, 2026**, to

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